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**Dear Hiring Team,**

I’m a recent graduate from the University of Leeds with a First Class degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics with Honours. I have developed practical experience, both during my academic career leading a student-run non-partisan think tank, and my professional career interning with the Department for Work and Pensions. I love to write and read about economic and policy-making in my free time, and I’m excited to join a team which specialises in economic analysis, particularly the fiscal forecasting side.

Last year, I completed a summer internship program at the DWP in the Horizon Scanning team, producing a forecast for the Fraud, Error and Debt division which gave advice on data regulation, privacy and ethics, and how the regulatory environment should be expected to change. This year, I enrolled in, and completed, the IMF’s Macroeconometric Forecasting course, to sharpen and expand my quantitative analytical skills. I finished with 78%.

Now, I’m excited to continue my journey by contributing and growing as an Assistant Economist in the Isle of Man Government’s Treasury. There are three things that make me a perfect fit for this position:

First, I have always been intellectually curious and I am driven to dig into complex problems, explore data, and deliver valuable insights. As a policy researcher at the DWP, I wanted to push myself to understand innovations in data regulation from a wide variety of perspectives, including an economic one. I communicated with departmental economists to receive criticism and reinforce my understanding of the government’s proposed Data Use (and Access) Act. By building up a thorough technical understanding of the potential incentives on different stakeholders, I was able to accurately and succinctly present my research to both technical and non-technical colleagues.

Second, I like to always go above and beyond in whatever I do. At the DWP, being one of the youngest policy advisors on my team meant I had the opportunity to contribute novel ideas for a more efficient workflow. For example, I improved the existing tools the Horizon Scanning team used for evaluating the probabilities of their forecasts. My colleagues and manager decided to keep using my innovation after I had left, which I was really proud of.

Finally, I strongly resonate with the mission statement of the Treasury’s Economic Advisory team. High-quality, data-driven recommendations is what I specialise in. I enjoy communicating with a variety of stakeholders and I have practical experience interpreting data inputs from across the government for my Horizon Scanning work. In my free time, I maintain a blog which analyses topical economic issues with a data-forward approach.

I believe you’ll find my professional and academic experience makes me a good fit for the Isle of Man’s Financial Governance Division. I’m ready to take my skills to the next level and look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,

**Diogo Ferreira**